

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #22
Summer Announcement #18, Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing Periods 1-3
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The summer chum salmon run has been building, and, based on historical run timing, the summer chum run is on track with the preseason outlook estimate of 1.5-2.0 million fish. Summer chum salmon passage at Pilot Station sonar through June 28 is estimated to be approximately 1,000,000, which is above the historical median of 762,000 for this date.

Currently, there is a market for summer chum salmon in Subdistrict 4-A. Based on the assessed abundance of summer chum salmon and consistent with the preseason management strategy, the commercial fishing season will open in Subdistrict 4-A effective 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 1. New regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries in spring of 2012 allow the department to open summer chum salmon directed commercial fishing periods in Subdistrict 4-A during time of Chinook salmon conservation with fish wheels only. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations, and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must immediately be released to the water alive.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):
Commercial fishing will be open for three 12-hour fishing periods:

Period one: 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 1 until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 2

Period two: 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 2 until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 3

Period three: 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 4

Fishermen will be notified by July 4 regarding additional commercial fishing periods.

Commercial fishing will be restricted to fish wheels only that must be manned at all times of operation. All Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must be immediately returned to the water alive. **Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish.** All salmon

harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as “not sold”. These commercial fishing periods do not effect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.